



Royal Rosarians

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Electronic Newsletter of the Royal Rosarians

Greetings, Rosarians and Friends,

Thank you for reading the Royal Rosarian e-newsletter created in 2005 by Duke Peter Glazer and now edited by Dame Lydia Lundberg, with technical support and continuity from Tom Marantette and Peter Glazer. If you have suggestions or contributions, please email to Lydia at Lundberg@elitecare.com

Prime Minister' s Message



Thanks to each of you who attended our April 4 membership meeting. This is our fourth meeting with over 100 in attendance. Thank you! Our next meeting is scheduled for May 4 at the DoubleTree.

I attended the first Rose Festival Princess selection at Ida B. Wells High School on March 2. Since then, Council members have proudly attended the Princess selection ceremonies of all of our Rose Festival princesses. This is a great opportunity for each Council member to meet the Princess selected as

they will be escorting that Princess this Festival season. It is also a nice opportunity for Council members to meet each new Princess' family.

It was an honor to attend a greeting at the Hilton Hotel downtown for a National Nursing Association Conference. About 8 Rosarians joined me for the greeting at 7:00 am. I thank them. We were asked to greet the members as they arrived for breakfast. We started by walking around the room, greeting them all individually and explaining who we are. Such a great response! Some even wanted to join the Rosarians or thought they should have a group like us in their city. We gave away all the sticky roses we had. We represented the city well. Please join us when you see an airport or conference greeting.

Even though rain was expected, we had a great turnout of Rosarians for the St. Patrick's Day parade in the Hollywood District and we all stayed dry; well, kind of dry. A highlight of the parade was the debut of our drummers. Duke Bob Strader, Dame Yushonna Wilson and Master of Ceremonies Kik Nielsen were just amazing as drummers. The after parade meet-up at the Rose and Thistle was a nice ending to the parade and received rave reviews. Thanks to Lord High Steward David Althaus and to Dame Sue Simpson for chairing the event.

It was so nice to have such a good turnout of Rosarians and guests at our Annual Newsmakers of the Year awards banquet. It was especially nice to recognize Duke Rich Blizzard and First Lady Joan. Rich had the idea to start this event 25 years ago. The event this year was Co-chaired by Dame Margie Schroeder and Sir Knight Ken Yohe.

Nine new members were knighted last Saturday at our annual New Member Knighting. It was a wonderful evening. Queen Senya was not able to attend but Queen Lily from 2021 joined us with her mother Queen Deanna from 1989. Thanks to event and Membership chair Jannette Day for the evening.

April promises to be busy. A group will be leaving for my Prime Minister's trip that begins on April 11. We will return to a week full of opportunities to get the word out about the Royal Rosarians and to honor others. Join us.

A rose planting is planned for April 27, 11:00 am at Elite Care in Milwaukie. A light lunch will be provided by Dame Lydia Lundberg, so be sure and sign up on Clubrunner for this rose planting that honors Elite Care residents who have passed away in the last year.

Saturday, April 29th at 2:00 pm will be the Blessing of the Festival at St. James Lutheran Church. Please sign up to attend on Clubrunner. Contact Royal Chaplain Pat Salimena if you can help.

Hope to see many of you at the April activities and of course at the May membership meetings.

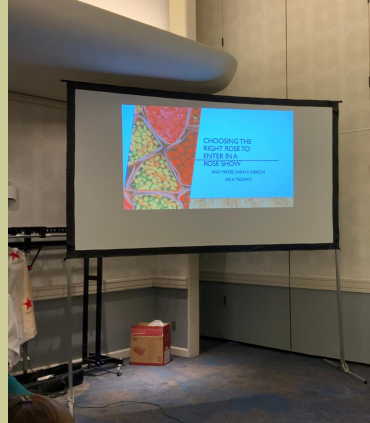
All my best,

John Danielson
Prime Minister

Membership Meetings

Our April 4th Membership meeting was another fun and successful event. Our Masterpiece focus this month was "Visual Arts". Visitors from the Portland Rose Society were present to inform us on the upcoming Spring Rose Show being held June 8 and 9, 2023. During Social Hour, Judy Fleck gave a lovely demonstration on creating rose arrangements. Her arrangements were beautiful and she had plenty of knowledge to share with handouts and answering questions. Mike and Gretchen Humphrey from the Portland Rose Society had an informative slide show presentation on how to enter a Rose Show and what the judges will be looking for. Both the demonstration and the slide show created interest for new and repeat entries for the upcoming Rose Show.

Connie Shipley had another beautiful display on the History Table, this time focusing on past Rose Garden Contests. There were 119 people in attendance and it seems everyone had an enjoyable time.



At the first May meeting on Thursday May 4th, we will be having a **PHOTO CONTEST**. The theme of the photo contest is: "OUR ROSARIAN LIFE". This is your chance to share your fantastic photography skills! Participants may enter their own creative photos of any subject that highlights something from our Rosarian Life – at a parade, a spectacular float, a clown, fun at a festival, getting ready for fun night, attending an out-of-towner! Anything that falls into the category of "OUR ROSARIAN LIFE." Let Holly Morgan or Kik Nielsen know that you'd like to enter. Please bring a 5X7 or an 8X10 matted photo to the April Meeting or even early on the day of the May 4 meeting. Everyone in attendance will have an opportunity to vote on their favorites and there will be prizes for the top winners. So sign up for the May meeting now and start searching for that perfect photo!

JUNE MEETING: Focus is on Culinary Art. Another fun opportunity! We are putting together a Royal Rosarian Treasured Recipes cookbook. Please email a favorite recipe or two to Holly Morgan Holly.morgan@comcast.net or to Kik Nielsen kmn1@aol.com before April 14, 2023 (Send us your recipes and then send in your taxes!) We will have a lovely cookbook ready for our June Membership Meeting in honor of our theme "Culinary Arts".

Connie Shipley is putting together lovely history displays for each membership meeting. Check out these beautiful displays highlighting topics such as "Dukes and Duchesses", "Past Auctions", "Newsmakers", "Prime Minister Trips", "Hospitality Weekend" and many more. She will be highlighting a new theme each month so register for the meetings and learn more about our history.

Win a Hospitality Packet

Win a 2023 Portland Rosarian Hospitality Packet



Receive one ticket for each membership meeting you pay for and attend. Attend all six meetings and at the May 25 membership meeting you will receive 5 extra tickets. All tickets are entered into the drawing.

At the May 25 meeting we will hold a drawing for a 2023 Hospitality packet. The value of the prize is equal to the value of one single hospitality packet.

Good Luck!

St. Patrick's Day Parade

St. Patrick's Day Parade was held on Sunday March 12, 2023 in The Hollywood area of Portland. Laurel Porter, KGW news anchor, was the Grand Marshall. 39 Royal Rosarians participated in the Parade, 12 of whom were new members.

New Members Annie Wrocke and Matt Clark carried flags and banners. The inaugural performance from our new drum Corp was fantastic: Duke Bob Strader, Drill Sergeant Kik Nielson, Dame Margie Schroeder and Dame Yushonna Wilson.

Kathleen Day made her inaugural performance as Drill Sargeant.





25th Annual Newsmakers of the Year

The Royal Rosarians were proud to host this year's Newsmakers of the Year awards ceremony on March 22, 2023, at the Lloyd Center DoubleTree Hotel. We started the program honoring Duke Rich Blizzard who started Newsmakers 25 years ago. With this significant anniversary, the committee felt it was important to recognize who came up with the idea and how the concept of Newsmakers was formed. Newsmakers is a great example of a member taking action.

Just like in years past, this list of recipients did not disappoint. At the event, we witnessed amazing stories of a hero first responder saving someone's life, an alternative school in a disadvantaged area beating the odds and making a difference with their students, a volunteer dedicated to making a difference with our homeless population, a community activist trying to make a difference in Sandy, Oregon, and more memorable stories.

Newsmakers was once again sponsored by The Oregonian and joined by KGW, KOIN, KATU, KPTV television stations, and Pamplin and Skanner newspapers. Our MCs for the evening were Laural Porter and Orlando Sanchez; both did an amazing job and kept the program running smoothly.

Attending the celebration was a sellout crowd! There were 8 media tables, 16 corporate tables, and 67 additional guests for a total of 240 guests. What a great showing of our Rosarians, dressed in their white uniforms and mingling with a diverse guest list as we honored our Newsmakers and celebrated the positive stories selected by our media partners.

This year also featured a "new look" medallion that came at a fraction of the price of what the old medallions cost. With the cost-saving measures of the Newsmakers committee, we were able to keep individual ticket prices at \$50.00 a person and end with a balanced budget.

Margie and I want to thank everyone who participated in the planning, preparation, and finally the production of the event. A special thank you to Cindy Marker for running registration and Tom Marantette for working hard to secure our corporate sponsors. This event could not be held without our sponsorship of corporate tables and all those that took time to join us

individually or with family and friends.

Newsmakers of the Year truly takes a village to plan and execute and like so many times in past years, the Royal Rosarians performed at a level worthy of this year's Oscar for production of the year!!
Ken Yohe



New Member Knighting

The New Member Knighting was held Saturday April 1, 2023, with 136 Rosarians and guests attending the event.

The 2021 Rose Festival Queen Lili Rosebrook joined us for the evening. Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Duke of the Realm Robert Strader, The Class of 2023 has nine new members: Sir Knight Nate Aazzerah, Dame Carol Bernhard, Sir Knight Matt Clark, Dame Suzy Clark, Sir Knight Walt Lundberg, Dame Lizbeth Kobs, Sir Knight Christopher Middaugh, Dame Karen Murphy, and Dame Annie Wrucke. Welcome to the Realm of Rosaria!





Eye of the Dragon Dotting Ceremony

The Dragon Boat Eye Dotting was held Saturday April 1, 2023, with 11 Royal Rosarians attending the event. Thank you to those who participated! See photos below.

Patrick Wong, Kik Nielsen and Michelle Veentjer doff their hats while traveling in a dragon boat.





Rose Planting Ceremony

A Rose Planting Ceremony will be held at the Elite Care, Oatfield Estates Community.

Where: 4444 SE Oatfield Hill Road in Milwaukie

When: April 27 at 11:00 am

Dame Lydia Lundberg is hosting and invites attendees to a light lunch after the ceremony. There will be tents set up in case of rain.

Rosarians please arrive by 10:45 am. Contact Royal Gardener Ruth Takahashi at 503-698-8665 with questions.

Blessing of the Festival

Royal Rosarian Blessing of the Festival and Memorial Service

When: Saturday April 29th, 2023, 2:00 pm

Where: St. James Lutheran Church, 1315 SW Park Ave., Portland, OR 97201

Come, meet the 2023 Rose Festival Court, and observe the Memorial Ceremony. Honor Guards are needed to create the ceremonial pageantry of this wonderful tradition. Please register online.



85th Annual Rose Garden Contest

As the City of Portland and all of Rosaria prepare for this year's Rose Festival season, the Royal Rosarian Foundation is pleased to host the 85th annual Rose Garden Contest. This Rose Festival-approved event celebrates the best of rose

growing in the Portland metropolitan area. Rose growers look forward to this chance to display their hard work – and resulting beautiful gardens – with pride.

This year the competition will include a dozen divisions for rose gardens and rose plantings. If you are interested in entering the contest, the contest information and application form are available on the website Royalrosarians.com under the Events tab. There is even a division just for Rosarians!

The Rose Garden Contest is sustained by generous donations from rose lovers like you. Your financial support will enable us to provide the contest participants, winners and guests with a very special awards ceremony in the Royal Rosarian Garden at Washington Park on Tuesday, June 20, at 6:30 p.m. It is free and open to the public. We cordially invite you and your friends to attend.

Donors' names will be listed in the Awards Ceremony program. (Contributions will not have any effect on the judging of the gardens.)

Donation checks should be made out to Royal Rosarian Foundation. Please write RGC on the memo line of your check and mail it to:

Royal Rosarian Foundation
PO Box 8956
Portland, OR 97207-8956

Remember, the Royal Rosarian Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, so your donation may be tax-deductable.

May we count on your help? Thank you for your consideration!



Help the International Rose Test Garden



Calling all Rosarians! Make 2023 your year to help at the International Rose Test Garden

Our beloved Royal Rosarian Garden section of the IRTG in Washington Park needs your help this spring and summer! If you have a few free hours on Thursday mornings (between 9-12), join Dame Chris Johnson providing needed garden maintenance. Dress for the weather and

bring your gardening gloves; all the tools will be provided.

At present, the ground is moist and soft, and weeding is easy! There's nothing as satisfying as pulling bittercress and other undesirable plants from the garden beds. In the hot summer months, the deadheading never stops. Is there a greater pleasure than working in and amongst the heady smell of the roses? And the morning hours are cool and shady. See you there!

Thursday mornings, between 9am – noon

Parking is provided on the maintenance road
below the amphitheater.

Contact Chris Johnson with any questions: 845-774-6920

Member of the Year Nominations

It is time to select our "Member of the Year." This honor is called the "Jacquie Janulis Memorial Rosarian Award." Criteria for this award were developed with the Prime Minister and members of the 2021 Council.

Selection criteria for nominees: The Royal Rosarian of the Year award is designed for any active member, spouse, Duke/Duchess (with the exception of the current council members) who provides exemplary/outstanding service and leadership to the organization. Some things you can be looking for when making your nominations:

- Mentor to new members
- Actively involved member
- Supports/helpful to others
- Contributes even in small ways, no job too small
- Goes above and beyond
- Inspiration to others
- Truly what a Rosarian is
- You can always count on them
- Always there when needed, never has to be asked; just always there and available
- Epitome of what a Royal Rosarian is
- Councils when giving direction and advice to another

The recipient of the award will be chosen based on submissions and by vote of the steering committee. The members of the committee, other than the Prime Minister, will be kept anonymous.

This year the winner will be announced at the June 15th membership meeting.

Nominations must be received/submitted by Wednesday, May 31st, 2023, end of day. Entries should be submitted by email to kmn1@aol.com. A summary and highlights about the nominee should be specific to **include at least 2 examples** of why the individual is being nominated. Applications will be kept anonymous and confidential.

If you have any questions, please email or call Kik Nielsen, Master of Ceremonies, 503-318-4526

2023 Rose Festival Hospitality Weekend

Queens' Garden Party 2023 - Dame Katherine Johnson

The Royal Rosarians will be hosting our annual **Queens' Garden Party**, a formal luncheon, where we honor our past Queens of Rosaria, the 50-Year- Court, the outgoing 2022 Queen - Senya Scott, and welcome the newly crowned 2023 Queen and the entire 2023 Princess Court. This event, filled with pomp and circumstance, will be held on June 10th at the Lloyd Center Doubletree Hotel Ballroom beginning at noon, immediately after the Honorary Knighting ceremony. A delicious lunch will be served, followed by a short program. There is no other event like this in all of Rosaria, and it is always a highlight of the Rose Festival weekend.

The cost to attend the Queens' Garden Party is \$50.00 per person, or if you would like to sponsor a table it is \$500.00. Table sponsors receive two complimentary tickets to the luncheon, and typically have a past Queen or Court member at their table. This is a wonderful opportunity to get acquainted with our past royalty, and to enjoy the wonderful entertainment we have planned. Please contact Cindy Marker at **503-490-5436** or email cindymarker@mac.com to register. The registration deadline for the Queens' Garden Party is **June 1, 2023**.



Fun Night - An Evening with Liberace and Liza! Dame Catherine Camp

Please join us as David Saffert and Jillian Snow share the stage as Liberace and Liza Minnelli, creating an exhilarating night of musical and comical fireworks. Just like Liberace, David Saffert shares his brilliant piano skills, glamorous costumes, and that trademark, an unforgettable wink.

Jillian Snow delightfully croons and delights as Liza Minnelli. Bo Ayars, Liberace's actual arranger/music director, conducts the show for an unforgettable evening of music and entertainment harkening back to all the good parts of the good old days.

Enjoy traditional buffet dining in the atmosphere of a dinner theater. To make the night even more special, we invite all guests to polish up their rhinestones and wear their most sparkly outfits. Let's light up the night! This amazing night is included in this year's Hospitality Packet price, so purchase your packet today! Just go to the [Royal Rosarian website](#), and look for the link to

register and purchase your packet. Ala carte tickets are also available, but we anticipate that this evening will sell out quickly, so don't miss your chance to invite your friends and family for a memorable evening with these two legends. For more information, or to volunteer to help with this event, please contact Chair Dame Catherine Camp at Catherine.Autumnoflife@gmail.com.

Grand Floral Ball - Rosarians at the MET Gala - Duchess Korrie Hoeckendorf

Following along with the theme "**Welcome to our Masterpiece**", this years' Grand Floral Ball's theme is titled "**Gilded Glamor**", **Rosarians at the MET Gala**. If you are not familiar with the MET Gala, which is held every May at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, this annual event celebrates fashion. The 'invitation only' event draws celebrities from all over the globe, wearing over-the-top fashions as they enter up a red carpeted staircase showcasing their amazing outfits. We are inviting YOU to join us for this very special event celebrating a successful Rose Festival week!

The Grand Floral Ball dress is Black Tie or Festival formal, but this is your chance to pull out all the stops and go completely avant-garde with your attire, following in the theme of the evening. Festival leaders will be formally introduced and you'll have a chance to meet the newly crowned 2023 Queen of Rosaria. Dinner and dancing to the band "Pressure Point" will round out this not-to-be forgotten evening! After the ball, make a quick change if you would like, and join us back in the hospitality suite for the "After Party".



Hospitality Silent Auction

We will once again have a Silent Auction setup in our amazing Hospitality Suite during the 2023 Hospitality Weekend. The proceeds from this auction goes a very long way to help pay for the expenses of our hosting weekend. To donate items, or to volunteer to help setup and provide some security during the auction, please reach out to Dame Sue Simpson

at ssmickey1@comcast.net. Thank you in advance for everyone's help. This cannot happen without all of you!!



Calendar

Rosarian Membership Meetings Membership meetings will be held at 6:30 pm, DoubleTree Lloyd Center: May 4th, May 25th, June 15th.

Rosarian Council Meetings - The Council meetings will be held at 7:00 pm at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center: May 22nd, July 17th, August 14th, September 18th.

Rosarian Foundation Meeting - The Foundation meetings will be held at 6:00 pm, DoubleTree Lloyd Center: April 26th, May 24, July 26th, August 23rd, September 27th.



Detailed information for each event can be found online in the calendar section of the Royal Rosarian website.

[Click here to visit the Royal Rosarian website](#)

Jim Nielson's Truisms

"It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer."

- [Albert Einstein](#)



(The late Jim Nielson, Prime Minister in 1979, was famous for his "truisms" which he happily shared in each issue of the Royal Update from its launch in 2005 until his death in 2011. Jim was knighted under the rose Sutter's Gold, pictured. Truisms now are either from Jim's archives or are quotations Duke Pete Glazer thinks Jim would like. If you'd like to suggest a quotation please email it to Peter.)

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